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FOR: METAL MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF CASTING
MACHINE, MOLTEN ALUMINUM ALLOY-CONTACT MEMBER AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM

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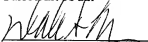
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